

## REMARKS

This is a response to the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2007, in this application. Claims 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9 are currently pending. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to incorporate all the limitations of claim 1. No new matter has been added.

### *Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102*

Claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Birkeland et al (US 6,714,709).

Claim 1 has been cancelled. The rejection of claim 1 is therefore moot and should be withdrawn.

### *Allowable Subject Matter*

The Examiner indicated that claims 2-3 and 5-9 were objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 2 has been re-written in independent form, incorporating all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 2 is therefore allowable, and the rejection of claim 2 should be withdrawn. As claims 3 and 5-9 are dependent claims depending from claim 2, the rejections of these claims should also be withdrawn, for at least this reason.

***Conclusion***

In view of the above, applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. A favorable disposition to that effect is respectfully requested.

No fee is believed to be due for this submission. Please charge any fee that may be due or credit any overpayment to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments concerning this submission, he is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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